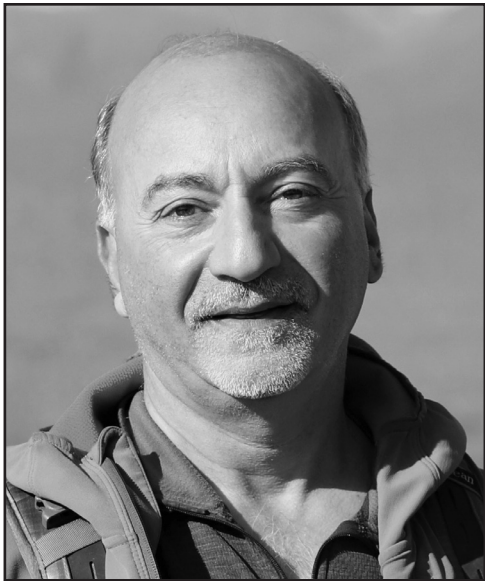


# Governor

## Les Gara, Registered Democrat



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Bronx, New York

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Kelly

**OCCUPATION:**  
Consultant, Fishing and Outdoors Writer, Former Alaska  
Asst. Attorney General and Legislator

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 34 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fairbanks 1988-89, Anchorage 1989-present

**EDUCATION:**  
Freeport High School, Boston University, Harvard Law  
School

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Alaska Legislator 2003-2018; Assistant Alaska Attorney  
General, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Civil Prosecution.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Minority Owner, Snow City Cafe; Owner Les Gara  
Consulting & Writing, write fishing and outdoors  
articles, consulted most recently with Big Brothers Big  
Sisters and Covenant House of Alaska

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Alaska Flyfishers Lifetime Member. National Child  
Welfare Workforce Institute (Foster Care Policy Non-  
Profit).

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Fishing, hiking, rafting and boating.

**OTHER:**  
Founded Foster Care volunteer initiatives including Laptops  
for Foster Youth; Foster Youth mentorship (Now run by Big  
Brothers Big Sisters); And FosterWear clothing discounts  
for foster youth (now run by State of Alaska)

**STATEMENT:**  
You deserve a better future, with better schools, job  
training, a living minimum wage of at least \$15 an hour,  
and an economy that produces good jobs. People  
deserve the opportunity to succeed, whether born rich  
or poor. But over the past three years 20,000 more  
people have left Alaska than have moved here because  
they see no future.

I’m the only pro-choice candidate for Governor and will  
protect those rights.

Most of us have grown up with our own hardship. Mine  
was losing my father to a killer who broke into his office  
when I was six. I grew up in foster homes. But regardless  
of how you are born or raised, you deserve the promise  
of liberty and justice for all, and equal rights.

We should have a construction and community project  
budget that puts people to work and supports needs  
like renewable energy to lower energy costs and battle  
climate change. You deserve good road maintenance,  
a strong Marine Highway, and what’s needed in  
rural and urban communities for success. We can  
afford that, and a stronger PFD instead of false PFD  
promises, by ending over \$1 billion in subsidies Alaska  
gives to the wealthiest oil companies in the world.

I believe in protecting our fish, support responsible  
development, but oppose the Pebble Mine and the  
dumping of over 1,000 tons of dead halibut and salmon  
and crab by Outside factory trawlers.

I’ll stand up for all of you, not just the wealthiest and  
most powerful.

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